

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for providing access to an account of a second party, comprising:

~~inputting-receiving~~ identification information ~~for the account of the second party that does not contain an authenticator of the second party;~~

based on the identification information, receiving account information that defines a right of a first party to access ~~computer programs~~ account data associated with the account of the second party; and

enabling the first party to access the account data ~~of the second party~~ based on the account information, without receiving the authenticator of the second party.

Claim 2. (cancelled)

OK - Claim 3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the account information in a text file;

wherein ~~a first party accesses the account by enabling~~ further comprises:

receiving, from the first party, a requesting to access to the account data;

receiving an interrogation into the text file from software that controls access to the account data; and

~~receiving-enabling~~ access to the account data if the software determines, based on the interrogation, that the first party is entitled to access the account data.

OK - Claim 4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein: the text file comprises an Internet cookie, the method further comprising,

a-inputting, by the first party, inputs the identification information on a Web page accessed by a Web browser; and

~~the text file comprises an Internet cookie.~~

Claim 5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
~~inputting-receiving~~ information identifying a the first party;
receiving access information that corresponds to the information identifying the first party, the access information defining a right of the first party to access a program ~~which includes that controls access to the account data of the second party;~~ and
~~accessing-providing access to~~ the program based on the access information;
~~wherein inputting, receiving the account information, and accessing are performed from the program.~~

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Claim 6. (currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein providing access to the program further comprises providing access to by the first party based on is governed by the access information and the account information.

Claim 7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying information ~~from~~ corresponding to the account data.

Claim 8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising changing a parameter ~~of~~ associated with the account data.

Claim 9. (currently amended) A method of providing a first party with access to an account of a second party, comprising:
receiving identification information ~~for the account of the second party~~ that does not contain an authenticator of the second party;
verifying that the first party is entitled to access ~~the account~~ data associated with the account of the second party based on the identification information; and
providing account information to a storage device associated with the first party for use in accessing the account data, ~~of the second party~~
wherein the account information does not contain the authenticator of the second party.

Claim 10. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

receiving a request from the first party to access the account data of the second party;
obtaining the account information from the storage device associated with the first party;
and
determining whether the first party is entitled to access the account data based on the
account information.

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Claim 11. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
receiving information identifying the first party;
verifying that the first party is entitled to access a program that ~~includes~~ controls access
to the account data of the second party based on the ~~identification~~ information identifying the
first party; and
providing, ~~to the first party~~, access information to the storage device associated with the
first party for use in accessing the program.

Claim 12. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
receiving a request from the first party to access the program ~~that includes the account of~~
~~the second party~~;
obtaining the access information from the storage device associated with the first party;
and
determining whether the first party is entitled to access the program based on the access
information and the account information.

Claim 13. (currently amended) A computer program stored on a computer-readable
medium for providing access to an account of a second party, the computer program comprising
instructions that cause a computer to:
input-receive identification information ~~for the account of the second party that does not~~
contain an authenticator of the second party;
based on the identification information, receive account information that defines a right
of a first party to access ~~computer programs~~ account data associated with the account of the
second party; and

enable the first party to access the account data of the second party based on the account information, without receiving the authenticator of the second party.

Claim 14. (cancelled)

Claim 15. (currently amended) The computer program of claim 13, further comprising instructions that cause the computer to:

store the account information in a text file;

receive a request from the first party to access to the account data;

receive an interrogation into the text file from software that controls access to the account data; and

receive-enable access to the account if the software determines, based on the interrogation, that a the first party requesting access is entitled to access the account data.

Claim 16. (currently amended) The computer program of claim 15, wherein:

a the first party inputs the identification information on a Web page accessed by a Web browser; and

the text file comprises an Internet cookie.

Claim 17. (currently amended) The computer program of claim 13, further comprising instructions that cause the computer to:

input-receive information identifying a the first party;

receive access information that corresponds to the information identifying the first party, the access information defining a right of the first party to access a second program which includes that controls access to the account data of the second party; and

provide access to the second program based on the access-account information;
~~wherein inputting, receiving the account information, and accessing are executed from the second program.~~

Claim 18. (currently amended) The computer program of claim 17, wherein instructions that cause a computer to provide access further comprise instructions that cause a computer to provide access to the second program by the first party based on ~~is governed by~~ the access information and the account information.

Claim 19. (currently amended) The computer program of claim 13, further comprising instructions to cause the computer to display information ~~from~~ corresponding to the account data.

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Claim 20. (currently amended) The computer program of claim 13, further comprising instructions to cause the computer to change a parameter ~~of~~ associated with the account data.

Claim 21. (currently amended) A computer program stored on a computer-readable medium for providing a first party with access to an account of a second party, the computer program comprising instructions that cause a computer to:

receive identification information ~~for the account of the second party~~ that does not contain an authenticator of the second party;

verify that the first party is entitled to access ~~the account~~ data associated with the account of the second party based on the identification information; and

provide account information to a storage device associated with the first party for use in accessing the account data ~~of the second party~~

wherein the account information does not contain the authenticator of the second party.

Claim 22. (currently amended) The computer program of claim 21, further comprising instructions that cause the computer to:

receive a request from the first party to access the account data ~~of the second party;~~

obtain the account information from the storage device associated with first party; and

determine whether the first party is entitled to access the account data based on the account information.

Claim 23. (currently amended) The computer program of claim 21, further comprising instructions that cause the computer to:

receive information identifying the first party;

verify that the first party is entitled to access second program that includes controls access to the account data of the second party based on the identification information identifying the first party; and

provide, ~~to the first party~~, access information to the storage device associated with the first party for use in accessing the second program.

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Claim 24. (currently amended) The computer program of claim 23, further comprising instructions that cause the computer to:

receive a request from the first party to access the second program ~~that includes the account of the second party~~;

obtain the access information from the storage device associated with the first party; and

determine whether the first party is entitled to access the second program based on the access information and the account information.

Claim 25. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing access to an account of a second party, comprising:

a memory which stores computer instructions; and

a processor which executes the instructions to (i) ~~input~~ receive identification information for the account of the second party that does not contain an authenticator of the second party, (ii) based on the identification information, receive account information that defines a right of a first party to access ~~computer programs~~ account data associated with the account of the second party, and (iii) enable access to the account data of the second party based on the account information, without receiving the authenticator of the second party.

Claim 26. (cancelled)

Claim 27. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the processor executes instructions to (i) store the account information in a text file, (ii) receive a request from the first party to access to the account data, (iii) receive an interrogation into the text file from software that controls access to the account data, and (iv) receive access to the account data if the software determines, based on the interrogation, that ~~a~~ the first party is entitled to access the account data.

Claim 28. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein:
~~a~~ the first party inputs the identification information on a Web page accessed by a Web browser; and
the text file comprises an Internet cookie.

Claim 29. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein:
the processor executes instructions to (i) ~~input~~ receive information identifying ~~a~~ the first party, (ii) receive access information that corresponds to the information identifying the first party, the access information defining a right of the first party to access a program ~~which includes that controls access to the account data of the second party~~, and (iii) ~~access~~ provide access to the program based on the access information; ~~and~~
~~inputting, receiving the account information, and accessing are performed from the program.~~

Claim 30. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 29, wherein the processor is further configured to provide access to the program by the first party based on is governed by the access information and the account information.

Claim 31. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the processor executes instructions to display information ~~from~~ corresponding to the account data.

Claim 32. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 25, further comprising changing a parameter ~~of~~ associated with the account data.

Claim 33. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing a first party with access to an account of a second party, comprising:

a memory which stores computer instructions; and

a processor which executes the instructions to (i) receive identification information ~~for the account of the second party that does not contain an authenticator of the second party~~, (ii) verify that the first party is entitled to access the account data associated with the account of the second party based on the identification information, and (iii) provide account information to a storage device associated with the first party for use in accessing the account data, ~~of the second party~~

wherein the account information does not contain the authenticator of the second party.

Claim 34. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the processor executes instructions to (i) receive a request from the first party to access the account data of the second party, (ii) obtain the account information from the storage device associated with the first party, and (iii) determine whether the first party is entitled to access the account data based on the account information.

Claim 35. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the processor executes instructions to (i) receive information identifying the first party, (ii) verify that the first party is entitled to access a program that ~~includes controls access to the account data of the second party~~ based on the ~~identification information identifying the first party~~, and (iii) provide, ~~to the first party~~, access information to the storage device associated with the first party for use in accessing the program.

Claim 36. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the processor executes instructions to (i) receive a request from the first party to access the program ~~that includes the account of the second party~~, (ii) obtain the access information from the storage device associated with the first party, and (iii) determine whether the first party is entitled to access the program based on the access information and the account information.

Claim 37. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the account of the second party is accessed over an intranet running HTTPS.

Claim 38. (currently amended) The computer program of claim 13, wherein the account of the second party is accessed over an intranet running HTTPS.

Claim 39. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the account of the second party is accessed over an intranet running HTTPS.

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Claim 40. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for providing access to an account of a second party, comprising:

receiving identification information ~~for the account of the second party~~ that does not contain an authenticator of the second party;

based on the identification information, providing account information that defines a right of a first party to access ~~computer programs~~ account data associated with the account of the second party; and

permitting access to the account data of the second party based on the account information, without receiving the authenticator of the second party.

Claim 41. (currently amended) A computer program stored on a computer-readable medium for providing access to an account of a second party, the computer program comprising instructions that cause a computer to:

receive identification information ~~for the account of the second party~~ that does not contain an authenticator of the second party;

based on the identification information, provide account information that defines a right of a first party to access ~~computer programs~~ account data associated with the account of the second party; and

permit access to the account data of the second party based on the account information, without receiving the authenticator of the second party.

Claim 42. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing access to an account of a second party, comprising:

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a processor which executes the instructions to (i) receive identification information ~~for the account of the second party that does not contain an authenticator of the second party~~, (ii) based on the identification information, provide account information that defines a right of a first party to access ~~computer programs~~ account data associated with the account of the second party, and (iii) permit access to the account data ~~of the second party~~ based on the account information without receiving the authenticator of the second party.

C2 Claim 43. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the authenticator is a password.
